

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

If you have the time and would like to volunteer in the classroom or at home, please let me know. I love having parent volunteers and would love to get some parents to come in on a regularly scheduled basis to help the children and to do manual labor for me (copies, cutting, material preparation etc.)

Interims will be sent home on Tuesday. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for returning the family scrapbook pages; they were wonderful! Also, thanks for supplying the fruit for our friendship fruit salad. Most of the children absolutely loved making it and loved eating it even more!

We need 5 ounce drinking cups for the classroom! When the children forget their water bottles, they use cups for their water for the day. We are down to our last package of cups. I would appreciate any donation of cups. Thanks!

Language Arts:

Families and friends have been a lot of fun this week! I have certainly learned some new things about everyone's family, and I am certain that we have all become better friends. The children loved sharing the family scrapbook pages, and it was great hearing all of the different activities that you do together as families! We also made a family flip book in class, and the children did a fabulous job. We continue to practice and develop our reading skills - pointing to each word as we say it, starting at the left and going to the right, and using the pictures for context clues. Please continue to practice writing the letters, "m" and "f" and your child's name in cursive. Some of our favorite books shared this week were: Fosdyke, Family (about a family recipe of peppermint pickles), Too Many Frogs, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish (used a 4-box matrix with the title) and many more.

Math:

To practice counting backwards, we sang the song about 5 speckled frogs jumping from a log into a pool, and we used the Smart Board to demonstrate this. We also used the Smart Board to tally count our favorite flavor of frosting; chocolate won! Graphing our favorite fruit was another fun activity in math this week; cherries and bananas were the most popular choices.

Other Activities:

In center time, we made leaves painted with feathers, glued pictures of food on a letter Ff, and listened to a story about Big Bird's friend.

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Upcoming Events:

- October 11 - No School for Students!
- October 12 - Interims go home!
- October 18 - PALS Testing begins
- October 26- Field Trip
- October 28 - rain Date for Field Trip

Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

Homework:

Please check your child's book bag nightly for homework. I send the cursive letter sheet on Monday and it is due back on Friday. I also send home the reading folders once or twice a week. Occasionally, I throw in a special activity like the family scrapbook page to make the home/school connection. Remember to practice writing your child's name in cursive and the letters that we have already learned to write in cursive. Working with your child for an extra 5 or 10 minutes a night can make a huge difference! Try writing with shaving cream or pudding to make it fun; just remember to say the language of instruction for the letters as you write them together.

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

Next Week:

We will continue our study of the letter "f" and we will have lots of fun with fall! Have fun walking in nature this weekend and collecting leaves and such for some special projects next week!

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questions and concerns:
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